

# Problem Set on O Δ E

1. The trapezoidal method  $u_{n+1} = u_n + \frac{1}{2}h(u'_{n+1} + u'_n)$  is used to solve the ODE  $u' = \lambda u + a$  numerically.
  - (a) What is the resulting OΔE ?
  - (b) What is its exact numerical solution ?
  - (c) How does the exact steady state solution of the OΔE compare with the exact steady state solution of the ODE (Hint: The exact SS solution is  $u(t \rightarrow \infty) = -\frac{a}{\lambda}$ )?

2. Consider the ODE

$$\mathbf{u}' = \frac{d\mathbf{u}}{dt} = [A]\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f}$$

with

$$[A] = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & -0.1 & -0.1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 10 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Find the eigenvalues of  $[A]$  using Matlab. What is the long time Steady State (SS) solution  $\mathbf{u}$ ? How would the ODE solution behave in time? (Hint: Remember the  $e^{\lambda t}$  form of ODE solutions.)

- (b) Write a Matlab code to integrate from the initial condition  $\mathbf{u}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  from time  $t = 0$

for the three time advance schemes ( $h = \Delta t$ )

- i.  $u_{n+1} = u_n + h(u')_n$  the Euler Explicit Scheme
- ii.  $u_{n+1} = u_n + h(u')_{n+1}$  the Euler Implicit Scheme
- iii.  $u_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = u_n + h(u')_n$  ;  $u_{n+1} = u_n + \frac{1}{2}h((u')_{n+\frac{1}{2}} + (u')_n)$  the Predictor-Corrector Scheme

In all three cases use  $h = 0.1$  for 1000 time steps,  $h = 0.2$  for 500 time steps,  $h = 0.4$  for 250 time steps and  $h = 1.0$  for 100 time steps. Compare the computed SS solution with the exact SS solution.

- (c) Could you have predicted the behavior of the previous problem? In class we developed the  $\sigma - \lambda$  relations for these methods.
  - i. For the Euler Explicit Scheme:  $\sigma = (1 + h\lambda)$ .
  - ii. For the Euler Implicit Scheme:  $\sigma = 1/(1 - h\lambda)$ .
  - iii. For the Predictor-Corrector Scheme:  $\sigma = (1 + h\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(h\lambda)^2)$ .

The stability condition is  $|\sigma| \leq 1.0$ . For the Euler Explicit scheme what is the predicted stability limit on  $h$  and is it confirmed by your Matlab code? (Hint: Try running just below and above the limit, also use the eigenvalues from 2(a) in the stability check).

3. The “backward differentiation” scheme is given by

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} [4u_n - u_{n-1} + 2hu'_{n+1}]$$

- (a) Write the OΔE for the representative equation  $u' = \lambda u + ae^{\mu t}$ . Identify the polynomials  $P(E)$  and  $Q(E)$ .
- (b) Derive the  $\lambda - \sigma$  relation. Are there multiple roots and if so identify the spurious ones.
- (c) Find  $er_\lambda$ .
- (d) Find the first two nonvanishing terms in a Taylor series expansion of all the spurious roots.

4. Consider the time march scheme given by

$$u_{n+1} = u_{n-1} + \frac{2h}{3}(u'_{n+1} + u'_n + u'_{n-1})$$

- (a) Write the OΔE for the representative equation  $u' = \lambda u + a$ . Identify the polynomials  $P(E)$  and  $Q(E)$ .
- (b) Derive the  $\lambda - \sigma$  relation.
- (c) Find  $er_\lambda$ .

5. Consider the predictor–corrector combination

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{u}_{n+1} &= u_n + hu'_n \\ u_{n+1} &= \alpha_1 u_n + \alpha_2 \tilde{u}_{n+1} + \beta h \tilde{u}'_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

- (a) Find the values of  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$  and  $\beta$  that minimize  $er_\lambda$ .
- (b) Using this method, find the exact numerical solution to  $u' = \lambda u + ae^{\mu t}$ . Do not expand to find  $er_\mu$